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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH  
AND REPORTSSUBJECT: EIC Secret Memorandum, 2 April 1952, "Revised Draft  
Summary of NIE-40 (Economic)".

1. In the course of drafting NIE-40, we have concluded that certain additional information is needed in order to produce a solid estimate. The need for additional data is particularly urgent in the case of petroleum, which appears to be one of the most critical problems in the entire estimate and which, as you indicate in your memorandum of 3 May 1952, remains in controversy. (Tab "A", a summary of the information which your office has supplied, illustrates some of the gaps in our information on petroleum.)

2. Any additional data which you can supply on the following points would be greatly appreciated:

a. For each of the FY's 1952, '53 and '54, the estimated civilian consumption of petroleum in the USSR, Eastern Europe and Continental Western Europe broken down as follows (no cross-breakdown required):

- (1) by type of petroleum product
- (2) by major consumer category

b. For each of the FY's 1952, '53 and '54 Soviet bloc military requirements for petroleum (no cross-breakdown required):

- (1) by area: USSR, Korea, China, Mid-East, Eastern Europe, Continental Western Europe (for CWS, FY's 1953, '54)
- (2) by type of petroleum product consumed
- (3) by user: army, navy, air

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c. For FY 1952, the amount of petroleum used (in metric tons) in oil burning facilities in Continental Western Europe by major industries.

3. With regard to the problem of metals, could you expand Annex 4 of your report to include an estimate of the probable levels of consumption of each of the metals listed for FY's 1953 and '54? The most useful breakdown would be:

a. by area (no cross-breakdown required)

- (1) Soviet bloc less CWE
- (2) CWE

b. by consumer category

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